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My dear friend I forwarded your letter to Mr Davis as requested, but hope he won't, as I know he won't, call on Abm S Pennock for a dollar. Were that enemy of the Am. Soc. to proffer us a thousand dolls, I would spurn it until he first repented of his fraternity with Lewis Tappan & his vindication of the theft of the Emancipator. Ah - the Stones will die ingloriously, if our only hope must be in Phil. Davis was here a week since, & I laid the state of our affairs before him. He declares their inability to help us. Yet your letter may effect something - it might make the Stones to hear. Mr Philbrick wrote to me saying that you (the Board) are apprehensive that we shall be obliged to suspend awhile. This, I hope, is one of his croaks. I would prefer that the Devil himself should stand by our grave, & witness our interment, to the Rev. Joshua Leavitt. Maria is engaged this evening in writing to the Map. Board. Knowing her to be so disposed, I forbade - or rather requested her to be silent with respect to our personal inconveniences. Quite enough has been said on that score. Dr Hudson arrived here yesterday to help us devise if possible some plan for collecting the Stones' subscriptions - He is from the Conn. Mtg. where he met Collins & Boyle. I think there is not a truer and more stable man in the cause than Dr H. He has had

much opportunity of intercourse & observation with Collins
& has communicated to me some facts confirmatory of
my judgment heretofore expressed, of his unsuitableness for that res-
ponsible office of General Agent. You will believe that I have
no other purpose in view, than the true interests of our cause
in plain speaking on this subject. John told the Doctor that
he had been out striving to get some money for the Amⁿ
Society, but that people would not give, because of the tone
of the Standard. My impressions are that he is mortified (&
very naturally so) at his inability to raise money as he was
wont to in older times, & that he would willingly find an
excuse in the defection of the Am. Society. Dr. Hudson thinks
he is acting against us, & that he desires to cripple us.
Boyle says he has grown to be exceedingly unpopular.
His introduction of foreign & strange matters lays him open
to severe animadversions wherever he goes. In short, his
nervous, feverish & capricious conduct abates the confidence
hitherto felt in him, and embarrases those with whom he
acts. Dr. H. was obliged to disclaim in the name of the Am.
Society, all responsibility for his utterances in the Conn. Integ.
Even Abby Kelly has ceased to repose the same measure
of confidence in him. Monroe says, he hopes Collins will
never come into Connecticut again. Mrs. Paulsley says
he would not act under his general agency. I cannot
hesitate to express to you, my serious apprehensions of
difficulty to the Antislavery cause, if the great responsibility
now reposing in his hands, be not immediately removed. I
have received one or two letters from Lynn expressive of

the same apprehensions. As I have before said (though
the matter bears more heavily on my mind as these develop-
-ments are made,) I am willing to believe myself in ~~an~~
error. I may be very far from right - but I beseech you to look
after the subject - & it will be a great relief to me to hear
from you thereupon. The right arm & the right eye must
be given to the truth. Past services form no palliation of
present wrongs. - With respect to the Standard, there is not a
doubt on my mind of the honesty & truthfulness of Mrs Child.
neither is there on yours. She may be greatly in error, but
she is at least honest for the cause, in her own conscience.
She is unconscious of fault, where you see fault. I say this,
as I have sought to discover for myself, her way of spiritual
travel, & must bear this testimony in her behalf. As she
will retire in May, we can separate with good graces. &
I trust & believe with a large degree of mutual respect,
confidence & love. For the peace of my own mind, I must
make a confession: - that it is somewhat disturbing to
my sense of openness & candor, that I should be obliged to
entertain sentiments with regard to Mrs Child in her con-
-duct of the Standard, which I do not openly express to
herself. Being daily in her confidential regards - per-
-petually exchanging confidences, my feelings are different
from yours, or from what they would be were I living
at a distance. For heaven, it is not double dealing.
Now, I am better, having thus said. I shall be relieved
when David is ready to come. He has not yet replied

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to my letter on the subject. There is one difficulty
which you may ameliorate, if not greatly remove by
your influence. The Phil^{as} have a fiery prejudice
against David. They would not, now, listen to the
proposition of his being Ed.^r Thomas Earle, the old
3rd party loco-foco whig-hating candidate for U.P. is
at the bottom of much of this. Secretia Mott has
said - "D.L.C.'s letters from Washⁿ? don't compare with
Leavitts - they are dull miserable affairs. How long
is he to be at Washⁿ?" &c There is a strong
current on this wise. Your influence with L.
M. is great. She reads your letters to her friends.
You can write without seeming knowledge of
what I have stated. Dr Hudson says that
Prof. Adams has said as much, as that he would
like to be employed as Ed. of Stand. He had
been made aware of Mr Child's determination
to retire. I do not know him - but with me
it is enough if we have D.L.C.. He is the man
and Earle & his loco-focism will have to find
their places. He would soon overcome prejudice
with the Stand^d in his hands.

I have not half done my letter, but must
stop - With affectionate regards to all
Yours truly J. Gibbons

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